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Oakville Personals

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Tenn. Mrs. Taylor, nee Susie Moore, was a native of Appomattox county. Her many friends extend to her family much sympathy.

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Mr. and Mrs. George Pape, and family spent the weekend with Mrs. Tom Pape.

Mrs. L. L. Doss gave a quilting two days last week.

Mrs. Burnett Smith and daughter and Helen Martin called in the home of Mrs. Lewis Moore Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Marsh called to see Mrs. Roland Smith Saturday night.

Oakville church held its special week of prayer program Tuesday night.

The regular Crabtree meeting will be held Wednesday night in the home of Mrs. R. E. Smith.

The W. M. C. group meeting will be held at Red Oak church Tuesday, March 25. There will be an all-day service, with Miss Olive Riddell as principal speaker.

The Ladies Aid of Mt. Comfort church met with Mrs. A. W. Martin last week.

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